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(Reza Mollaaghababa)

Docket No.: 105984-0782
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In re Patent Application of:
Darryl Black et al.

Application No.: 09/637,800

Confirmation No.: 8629

Filed: August 11, 2000

Art Unit: 2157

For: PROCESSING NETWORK MANAGEMENT
DATA IN ACCORDANCE WITH METADATA
FILES

Examiner: Halim, Sahera

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action issued on January 25, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), together with this response. Application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.



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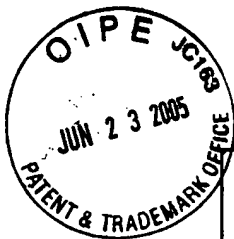
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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	
-	=	x	=	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)		
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Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)	
Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): 2252 Extension for response within second month	225.00
	Fees Paid (\$)

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